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PROPERTY TAXES DUE APRIL 10 *Extended Hours Added on April 10th to Assist Taxpayers*

County Treasurer-Tax Collector Dan McAllister issued a reminder today to all San Diego County property owners that the second installment of their 2002-03 property taxes is due Thursday, April 10. "County taxpayers are our customers; we work for them and want to make their job of paying taxes as easy as possible," said McAllister.

Our special downtown tax tent, located at the south end of the County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, will be set up for April 9th and 10th to help speed the payment process for citizens. As an added service to taxpayers, McAllister noted that he is extending the service hours at the "tax tent" as well as all of his branch locations on April 10. The office will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. with all locations offering the full range of services.

Branch offices are co-located with the County Assessor in **San Marcos** at 334 Via Vera Cruz, #150, behind "Restaurant Row"; **El Cajon** at 200 S. Magnolia Avenue; **Chula Vista** at 590 Third Avenue; and **Kearny Mesa**, at 5473 Kearny Villa Road 3rd Floor.

As a "smart alternative" to paying taxes in person, McAllister indicated taxpayers can mail payments or make use of several electronic payment options. To pay over the Internet using Visa or Electronic Check, sign on to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's web site at www.sdtreastax.com, and follow the prompts to the pay-by-Internet system. Property taxes can also be paid over the phone with a credit card. To pay by Discover card, call (619) 236-2330; to pay by Visa call (619) 685-2646. Convenience fees are charged by the various providers for all these services. The specific fees are disclosed prior to completion of a transaction.

Those who haven't received a tax bill, or need more information, can call the Treasurer-Tax Collector's 24-hour automated information line at (619) 236-2424.

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